Committee set up for solving problems of PIOs

123. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a committee for solving the problems of NRIs and People of Indian Origins;

(b) if so, whether the committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the basic recommendations made by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the basic recommendations made by Government including the dual citizenship for NRIs; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for providing the dual citizenship to NRIs who are working for strengthening India's economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Besides making recommendations in the fields of culture, economic development, education, health, media, science and technology, the High Level Committee on India Diaspora has also recommended the observation each year of the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas, institution of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards, reduction in the fee structure of the PIO Card and grant of dual citizenship by amending the Citizenship Act, 1955 to persons of Indian origin who have acquired the citizenship of certain countries.

(d) The details and other modalities in this regard are being worked out.

Over-crowding in Tihar Jail

124. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tihar Jail which has a total capacity of 3637 inmates, was having 12,041 prisoners as on 31st December, 2002 and that nearly similar conditions prevail in all the jails in the country;